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Re: EPA Proposed Plan for Ashland/Northern States Power Lakefront Site--Request for  
Extension of Public Comment Period

Dear Attorney Melodia, Mr. Hansen and Ms. Krause:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §300.430(3)(C), and on behalf of Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (NSPW), NSPW hereby requests a thirty (30) day extension of the public comment period on the Proposed Plan for the Ashland/Northern States Power Lakefront Site ("Site").

On June 12, 2009, EPA released its Proposed Plan identifying EPA's Preferred Alternative to cleanup contaminated soil, ground water and sediment at the Site. EPA solicited public comments during a public comment period which is to run from June 17 – July 16, 2009.

40 C.F.R. §300.430(3)(C) provides that EPA, after preparation of the proposed plan and review by the support agency, shall "[p]rovide a reasonable opportunity, not less than 30 calendar days, for submission of written and oral comments on the proposed plan and the supporting analysis and information located in the information repository, including the RI/FS." This section further provides that:

Upon timely request, the lead agency will extend the public comment period by a minimum of 30 additional days.

NSPW hereby submits its timely request for a 30-day extension. Given the complexity of the factual and technical record, additional time is necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to submit written comments on the Proposed Plan.

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We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your acknowledgement of an extension of time of the public comment period through and including August 15, 2009.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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